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Smith said he could recall no instance in which foreign service applicants were denied appointments because of any actions to their relatives.

But Smith told the subcommittee that he can imagine circumstances in which an otherwise acceptable applicant might be turned down if he were married to a woman born in certain foreign countries.

"There would be no stigma," he said. "But you just would not take him. The interests of the United States get first consideration."

Smith indicated that the reason for this is that man's relations with a person of one country might embarrass him in his official duties with another nation.

Wriston also testified there are posts overseas in which not a single U. S. diplomat speaks the language of the country. On this point, Smith said there is an acute shortage of officers trained in languages because of inadequate training facilities.

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